

## **Charles D. Ray and Thomas J. Rechen of McCarter & English Selected as Fellows of The Litigation Counsel of America**

**HARTFORD, CT, OCTOBER 14, 2009** – [McCarter & English](#) is pleased to announce that [Charles D. Ray](#) and [Thomas J. Rechen](#) have been invited to become Fellows in the [Litigation Counsel of America](#) (LCA), an honorary society composed of less than one-half of one percent of American lawyers. Fellowship in the LCA is by invitation only and membership is based upon effectiveness and accomplishment in litigation, both at the trial and appellate levels. Ray and Rechen will be attending the LCA Fall Conference and Induction of Fellows on October 29th and 30th in Charleston, SC. Both attorneys are partners in the Hartford office of McCarter & English.

“We congratulate Tom and Charlie on this distinguishing honor,” said [Eric E. Grondahl](#), Hartford’s office managing partner. “To be recognized by the LCA for their accomplishments is a reflection of the quality of their work and a strong commitment to their profession.”

Ray counsels clients primarily on appellate advocacy and procedure. He appears regularly in the Supreme and Appellate Courts of the State of Connecticut and has handled a number of appeals before the United States Courts of Appeals for the First, Second and Federal Circuits. Ray’s practice also extends to litigation in administrative appeals, in which he handles tax and land use matters. He has successfully represented numerous corporations and individuals involved in all aspects of appellate matters.

Rechen is an accomplished trial lawyer and business litigator with over two decades of experience litigating commercial disputes on behalf of public and private companies across the nation. His practice is focused on intellectual property, business tort, trade secret, restrictive covenant, trade regulation and unfair competition claims. Rechen has extensive experience in state and federal courts and arbitral forums, and is a seasoned appellate lawyer, having briefed and argued appeals before the Connecticut Supreme and Appellate Courts and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second, Fifth and Federal Circuits.

With membership limited to 3,500 Fellows, the composition of the LCA is aggressively diverse, with recognition of excellence among American litigation and trial counsel across all segments of the bar.